

Department of Veterans Affairs Senior Executive Biography

Linda A. Halliday Deputy Inspector General, Office of Inspector General

Linda A. Halliday was appointed as Deputy Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs on July 6, 2015, after serving nearly 3 years as the Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Evaluations Division within the Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General.

As Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Evaluations, Mrs. Halliday directed the national audit and evaluation program, encompassing a network of geographically dispersed field and headquarters staff. Under her leadership, the Office of Audits and Evaluations (OAE) provided oversight to over 150 health



care facilities, \$80 billion in veterans' entitlement program benefits paid annually through 56 VA Regional Offices and 150 national cemeteries. During her 23 years with OAE, Mrs. Halliday has successfully led the organization through some of the largest scandals faced within the Federal government and especially within the Department of Veterans Affairs including the alleged deaths of veterans awaiting access to health care services in Phoenix, VA, abuses and mismanagement of VA conferences and the largest information security breach and data loss involving 26.6 million veterans' records.

Working in varied and progressively more responsible positions for 3 decades of public service, Mrs. Halliday has worked at the Department of Veteran Affairs, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Public Health Service, and the Defense Contract Audit Agency. She began her VA career managing financial management activities at the VA Medical Centers in East Orange, NJ, and Brooklyn, NY in 1975. She also served as the Chief Financial Officer for a privately held company.

Mrs. Halliday holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from the University of Bridgeport (CT) and is currently a Certified Internal Auditor. She also completed the VA's Executive Leadership Program, the Federal Executive Institute's Executive Development Program, and American University's Key Executive Leadership Certificate Program in the School of Public Affairs. In fiscal year 2015, Mrs. Halliday began completing executive development course work at the Harvard Business School and the John F. Kennedy School of Government in Cambridge, MA.

Mrs. Halliday grew up in Bridgeport, CT, and currently resides in Prince William County, VA, with her husband. She has two grown children.